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The proposed settlement with Microsoft is a travesty of Justice. This is an Antitrust settlement, so why let them put their machines in schools. The ultimate solution would be give competitors machines (Apple, which has an almost 60% share in the school market and can run Windows operating system if necessary). Using their products would just make their slice of the pie larger and indoctrinate a new generation into being a Microsoft only culture.

I do Apple consulting to private and Parochial schools who cannot afford a full time staff person for technical support, as opposed to tax based funded public schools. As I've seen locally anytime a school board insists on a conversion to Microsoft based systems the district goes from a Technology Teacher having part time duties maintaining the MacOS Computers to 3 or 4 Full time MCSE certified staff at \$60K/YR (Philadelphia region) to keep their Microsoft Systems functioning. I see the same in Businesses the MIS departments specify Microsoft for job security reasons and to be able to have an MIS staff of more than one.

I've been involved in Computers in Education since the early 70's when IBM and Digital Equipment were the computers of choice. I've also worked for Microsoft service providers and left when the Microsoft Mantra was the main focus of their sales efforts "only sell Microsoft products because we know they work together".

I just learned that America Online is discontinuing Netscape as a Web Browser, which is the only real alternative to Microsoft Internet Explorer which is under contract with AOL as the default browser.

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